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Don't ask, don't tell

Report claims repeal won't hurt military

By Larry Shaughnessy and Charley Keyes
CNN Wire Service

WASHINGTON — A new report about the possible repeal of the law banning homosexuals from openly serving in the U.S. military concludes that a change in the law will

not lead to the upheaval that many — especially opponents of the repeal — predict. Citing the experiences of racial and gender integration, the report found “the general lesson we take from these transformational experiences in history is that in matters of personnel change within

the military, predictions and surveys tend to overestimate negative consequences, and underestimate the U.S. military’s ability to adapt and incorporate within it ranks the diversity that is reflective of American society at large.” Even among Marines in combat arms units — those

most likely to oppose the repeal, based on the Pentagon survey — overwhelmingly said that when serving with someone they believed to be gay, their unit’s ability to work together was “very good,” “good” or “neither good nor poor.” To illustrate, the report quotes a special forces opera-

tive: “We have a gay guy [in the unit]. He’s big, he’s mean, and he kills lots of bad guys. No one cared that he was gay.” Aside from a wide-ranging, anonymous survey of 400,000 troops around the world, the Defense Department also used an anonymous confidential system to communicate with

gays and lesbians currently serving in the military. “We knew that their viewpoints would be important, and we made affirmative efforts to reach them, though our ability to do so under the current DADT law was limited,” the report’s executive summary said.

Memorial Union

Post office hours reduced

By Mindy Dickerson
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The ISU community may find it difficult to send packages in a timely manner with the new changes that have been delivered upon the Memorial Union’s post office. The post office used to be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., but is now closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. “The changes went into effect due to a decision made by the office’s upper management,” said Ames Postmaster Larry Jordison. The post office is more than \$8 million in debt, and the management within is looking for ways to cut costs — shortening the Memorial Union office’s hours was one way. Changes to the hours will affect some students more than others. “That’s 15 minutes out of my day, walking back and forth to the Welch Avenue post office,” said Erich Hodges, junior in dairy science. Hodges uses the post office’s services almost everyday and even has his own P.O. box. He uses it to sell old textbooks and send and receive packages from his family. “[The MU is] the only place a student can send a priority package over 13 ounces,” Hodges said. There has been no indication on how the post office patrons will be affected during the holiday season.

Campustown

Local businesses left unsure

By Kayla Schantz
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Christy Radach sat in the back of her store, surrounded by beads, jewelry, incense and sculptures. “I’ve been in Campustown 14 years,” said Radach, owner of Grandma’s Attic on 125 Welch Ave. “It concerns me because I don’t know what’s going to happen to me ... and my business.” The city of Ames hired development company Lane4 Property Group last spring to revitalize Campustown. Although the project is still in the planning stages, many commercial owners in the area have expressed concern over the future of their businesses. “I’ve heard that property values are going to go up, which means my rent goes up, which makes it harder for me as a very small, very independent businesswoman to stay in business,” Radach said. “That’s my main concern: [that] I’m going to be priced out of my area.” Lane4 met with several interest groups during the summer to hear from Ames residents what they thought needed to change. In a public presentation in October, Lane4 consultants said from those meetings they determined that major weaknesses of Campustown are that it is limited to uses that attract only students, and also that the area is only vibrant during the night. The project goals are to have

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social networking



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Edit my profile

- News Feed
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- Friends
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Hostage news hits home online

What’s on your mind?



Iowa State Daily

Students found information from Marinette, Wis., on social sites rather than news sites, but it was hard to distinguish rumor from fact. Jessica Opoien, the Iowa State Daily’s editor in chief and 2008 Marinette High School graduate, reacts from 469 miles away.



Torey Robinson

Emily Zimmerman knew things weren’t right in her hometown of Marinette, Wisc., on Monday afternoon as soon as she checked Facebook. Zimmerman, senior in biology, checked the social media site on her cell phone while waiting for the CyRide to take her home in Ames. “Some people I’m friends with back home updated their statuses and there was mention of, ‘Hope no one was hurt. Praying for Marinette High School,’ and to that effect,” she said. “That’s when a red flag went off in my mind.” Zimmerman’s younger sister is a freshman at the high school, where a 15-year-old male held a classroom of 24 students and one teacher hostage Monday. “As soon as I saw the statuses, I texted my sister a few times, but she didn’t respond,” Zimmerman said. “I checked her Facebook ... I called my parents. It was about 30 minutes until I knew what actually happened.” Most of the major networks did not pick up the story until 8 p.m., Zimmerman said, causing her to rely heavily on Facebook for updated information on the situation unfolding more than 450 miles away. “Initially, [Facebook] the only thing [at Iowa State] to get information,” Zimmerman said. “I didn’t have access to local news updates. Facebook was really helpful. People I’m friends

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Jessica Opoien

I wore purple yesterday. I wore purple because that’s what I could do from 469 miles away. On Monday, a 15-year-old student held a class hostage at Marinette High School, in Marinette, Wis. Armed with two firearms and a knife, the student kept 25 students — some were released throughout the day — and a teacher confined to the classroom for more than five hours. Marinette High School. That’s my high school. Purple and white, the colors of the Marinette Marines. Valerie Burd, the social studies teacher who’s been an invaluable part of my life since the seventh grade — and who has been so important to so many other students over the years. What were the student’s motives? I don’t know. How does a 15-year-old obtain those deadly weapons? I don’t know. Now that Sam Hengel has died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, we may never know.

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Horticulture

Poinsettia Sale spreads cheer

By Whitney Sager
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The Horticulture Club is carrying on its tradition of spreading holiday cheer. Club members are selling poinsettias to raise money. Sales begin Wednesday and will continue daily through Saturday. “We like to spread the holiday cheer and help the general public know what horticulture is,” said Evan Schnabel, senior in horticulture and Poinsettia Sale co-chairman. Besides the typical white and red poinsettias, the club also offers novelty varieties, such as Crazy Christmas and Jingle Bells, which are a mixture of white and red colors. Jacob Petersen, senior in animal science and Poinsettia Sale co-chairman, urges the public to purchase their poinsettias early so they have the best selection of plants. “Some varieties sell out fast,” Petersen said. Several sizes of poinsettia plants are available, ranging from 5-inch



Peggy Johnson, sophomore in horticulture, and Jacob Petersen, junior in animal science, arrange poinsettias on tables in the Forestry Greenhouse on Monday. Photo: Whitney Sager/Iowa State Daily

pots to 8-inch pots.

Without a greenhouse to grow the poinsettias in this year, due to demolition and reconstruction of the old greenhouses outside Horticulture Hall, the club relied on the assistance of Central Iowa Floral out of Sheldahl to help make this year’s fundraiser possible. “We ordered the cuttings and had

them shipped down to Sheldahl,” Schnabel said. “We’ve been down to check on the quality of the plants a couple of times.” The club has a wide range of customers who purchase the poinsettias. Not only are sales limited to Iowa State, but people from Ames and the surrounding communities support the club’s fundraising efforts

Poinsettia Sale dates and locations:

- Wednesday — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Curtiss Hall
- Thursday — 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Beardshear Hall
- Friday — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Memorial Union (UBS)
- Saturday — 9 a.m. to noon, Reiman Gardens
- All poinsettias range from \$7 to \$20, cash and checks only

as well. Petersen said a church in Knoxville has ordered as many as 90 poinsettias in the past. ISU Dining also orders several poinsettias to decorate its establishments. Students are encouraged to purchase poinsettias to brighten up their dorm rooms, apartments or other living spaces. “Everyone needs a poinsettia on their desk to stare at when they’re taking a break from studying,” Petersen said.

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Thurs
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Fri
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Winter wonderland:
On this day in 1985, a winter storm with gusts of 50 mph struck Iowa and produced a wide swath of snow, with up to 18 inches in some cases.

Weather

Provided by ISU Meteorology Club

Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Intersections of Identity: Race, Sexuality and Safety
When: Noon to 1 p.m.
What: Monsoon United Asian Women of Iowa invites you to a lunch and discussion
Where: Gold Room, Memorial Union

THURSDAY

Art Mart
When: Noon to 5 p.m.
What: Arts and crafts handmade by Ames and ISU artists for the holidays
Where: Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union

FRIDAY

ISU Theatre Musical: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"
When: 7:30 p.m.
What: ISU Theatre performs a family show, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"
Where: Fisher Theatre

Daily Snapshot



WINTER IS HERE: Dealing with the cold

Connor McFarland, junior in mathematics, tries to stay warm outside by bundling up and drinking coffee. Students were greeted with snow flurries and cold temperatures Tuesday morning. Photo: Abby Barefoot/Iowa State Daily

Police Blotter:

Nov. 26

Lei Zhang, 27, 142D University Village, was arrested and charged with serious assault. (reported at 12:15 a.m.)
Norma McGonigle, 59, 301 S. Maple Ave., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. (reported at 3:30 p.m.)
Perne Struchen, 22, 1209 Mayfield Drive unit 306, was arrested and charged with driving under suspension. (reported at 3:45 p.m.)
Elizabeth McGonigle, 30, 301 S. Maple Ave., was arrested and charged with drug paraphernalia and controlled substance violation. (reported at 4:45 p.m.)
Brenda Houlsworth, 45, 5615 W. Lincoln Way unit 22, was arrested and charged with interference with official acts, simple. (reported at 5:17 p.m.)
Carly Pantenburg, 19, 608

Ames, ISU Police Departments

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records. All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Durrell Circle, was arrested and charged with third-degree burglary, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, contributing to delinquency of a minor and drug paraphernalia. (reported at 8:30 p.m.)
Kevin Simmer, 28, of Mason City, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 9:12 p.m.)
Lowery Honore, 24, 133 Beedle Drive, was arrested and charged with harassment of a public officer. (reported at 11:32 p.m.)
Nov. 27
Raechel Mesenbrink, 28, 789 X Ave., was arrested and charged with drug paraphernalia. (reported at 2 a.m.)
A resident reported receiving harassing communications from a potential buyer on an online auction service. (reported at 11:59 a.m.)
Heba Mohamed, 5113

Frederiksen Court, reported the theft of several textbooks. (reported at 4:25 p.m.)
Kevin Osgood, 36, 1007 Lincoln Way unit 6, was arrested and charged with driving under suspension and operating while intoxicated (second offense). (reported at 8:10 p.m.)
Nov. 28
Officers checked the sobriety of a driver who was suspected of being intoxicated. (reported at 1:08 a.m.)
Jamie Thompson, 29, of Zealing, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated (second offense). (reported at 1:56 a.m.)
Kenneth Hardeman, 21, 601 Eighth St. unit 3, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 2:14 a.m.)

Celebrity News
Notes and events.

'Black Swan' features Portman, Kunis rivalry

Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis are longtime friends in real life, but it sounds like "Black Swan" director Darren Aronofsky was determined to drive a wedge between the women for the sake of his art.
"He'd say, 'Oh, Mila is doing really well on her stuff. She's so much better than you,'" Portman, who plays Kunis' bitter enemy in the ballet thriller, tells the L.A. Times. "Darren would tell us things about each other to try to make us jealous. I think he was trying to create a rivalry in real life between us."
"Black Swan" tells the story of Nina (Portman), an uptight dancer who competes with free spirit Lily (Kunis) for the lead in "Swan Lake." Nina becomes dangerously obsessed with the role and with Lily, and at one point, the women share a steamy liplock in the film.

Spider-Man preview faces technical challenges

The \$65 million Spider-Man musical previewed on Broadway Sunday and, judging by the reviews, the show was tangled up in more than a few problems.
The New York Post's Michael Riedel calls "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" an "epic flop" thanks to its confusing storyline, on-stage special effects gone awry, and numerous delays.
"At various points, overhead stage wires dropped on the audience, scenery appeared on stage missing pieces - and the show's star was even left swaying helplessly midair during what was supposed to be the climatic end to the first act," wrote Riedel. Despite the evening's many snafus, Gina Salamone of the New York Daily News called "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" a "rollicking, high-flying performance," and says many in the preview audience believe the show will be a "surefire smash hit" when it opens on Jan. 11.
"It was really good," said one theatergoer. "I was pleasantly surprised."

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Last Grandma Mojos of the Semester

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CY: Mascot tryout info meeting

Alek Poniatowski, freshman in mechanical engineering, tries on a Cy costume Tuesday at the Bergstrom Indoor Practice Facility. Tuesday's meeting allowed applicants to try on the Cy costume. Photo: Yi Yuan/Iowa State Daily

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with who are still students at the high school had the most frequent updates about what was going on."

But not everything Zimmerman read was reliable.

"There were a lot of speculation about who was [in the classroom] and who wasn't," she said.

The rumors didn't stop there. "One girl's Facebook status said she hoped everything was OK," Zimmerman said. "But the comments on her status were that people has been shot — students had been shot. I was texting friends that had family back home and they said the teacher had been shot."

Dr. Michael Bugeja, director of the Greenlee School of Journalism, said the use of social media in crisis has its good and bad points.

"If you're in an emergency situation, texting or texting to Facebook can actually help in a rescue," Bugeja said. "From a journalism perspective ... you can have false reports go viral in a matter of minutes. You don't get a 'smart mob' effect. ... What you get is a 'dumb mob' effect — meaning you spread false information as if it were real. In an emergency situation that can be catastrophic because it takes away the power of the police and maybe forces others to believe a situation is more dire

than it is."

Marinette Police Chief Jeffrey Skorik witnessed these effects firsthand when the conflicting reports complicated Marinette authorities' message to the public.

"It made it more difficult to keep the public and parents calm," Skorik said. "We're telling them that there are certain things we know and are able to confirm and they're saying they saw on Facebook that this has happened. But it isn't accurate. It causes a challenge for us who are trying to get the proper message out and be clear and concise. It's tough battling social media because it's so pervasive and moves so quickly."

The Marinette Police Department does not have an officer to manage social media because of the agency's small size, Skorik said. Instead, the department holds press briefings to release official information.

"You had to take everything you read [on Facebook] with a grain of salt," Zimmerman said.

Tim Lewis, graduate student in architecture, found out about the situation in his hometown via text message from his mother. Rather than using social media as a source, his mother gave him updates throughout the night as she saw them on the local news.

"I knew the facts that anyone else would actually know," Lewis said. "I didn't get mixed up in the

rumors that way."

Lee Wilkins, professor at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, said rumors and false information happen because nobody verifies messages on social networking sites.

"Nobody verifies what people say on Facebook," Wilkins said. "It's a lot like a kid's game telephone, where you sit in a circle and one person says something into one person's ear and then the next person whispers what they thought that person said to the next person and you go all the way around the circle. The last person says out loud what he or she thinks they heard and compares it to what the first person heard."

"Facebook is a lot like that," she said. "People do things that are incomplete. They don't bother to verify facts — they're just repeating what someone told them. ... They don't have any independent evidence that it is true."

Despite the confusion and chaos of Monday, Zimmerman said she is thankful the event is over in Marinette. Her sister told Zimmerman there has been a lot of support for the family of the gunman, and for the students and teacher involved.

"There has been an effort using Facebook to get the high school students back together as a community ... and to help move forward," Zimmerman said.

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Campustown be an attractive and inviting place where people of all ages can go to spend time during the day.

"That makes it more of an invigorating environment," said Steve Schainker, Ames city manager. "[And] a more economically viable project, because you have a broader market that's going there to spend money than just students.

"[Y]ou get more variety, and better opportunities are offered in the area."

But business owners like Radach feel anxious about the new companies Lane4 is planning on bringing in to accomplish those goals.

"It's all speculative," Radach said. "I'm an established business; I've been here for a long time, why would you oust me? I don't get it."

On the other hand, another Campustown business owner

said she sees the advantages in the redevelopment project.

Allison Nelson, owner of A Snack In The Face on 2414 Lincoln Way, said that all the retail business owners in Campustown realize that business could be better.

Nelson said it is hard for students to cross Lincoln Way with busy four-lane traffic into Campustown, and that residents rarely want to come to the area because there are meters and limited parking space.

"I think people avoid us," Nelson said. "[People are] anxious to come down here because it's just too inconvenient for them."

Nelson said right now Campustown is not made for people to walk around the area and browse the shops, so day-time businesses suffer.

"It's got to be a really strong draw to get them to come down here, and right now I don't think we have that," Nelson said. "And that's too bad, be-

cause it could be just great. We have a gorgeous campus, and people should be enjoying it and enjoying this area."

Radach said if LANE4 could figure out a way to bring in new businesses without forcing the existing businesses to leave or raising property expenses, she would be supportive of the project.

However, the plans remain undefined and business owners are waiting to hear more concrete plans.

"I like Campustown. It's a good place to be. I like being around college students," Radach said. "It makes my future very uncertain with the kinds of things they're talking about."

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Cyclone Hockey
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#23 Chris Cucullu

Cyclone Hockey is pleased to honor freshman forward Chris Cucullu with Player of the Week accolades. Cucullu had four points for the Cyclones over this past weekend at an away series in Canada. Averaging nearly one point per game with nine goals and 11 assists, Cucullu is one of the top point scorers for the Cyclones. Cucullu has transitioned very well with the Cyclones. With his unselfish playing tendencies, he complements his line extremely well. Cucullu is originally from Anchorage, Alaska. Before playing for Iowa State, Chris played for the Nelson Leafs of the KIJHL. Cucullu is currently a freshman in Kinesiology at Iowa State and is a diligent and hard working student. Head Coach Dr. Al Murdoch was very contented with Cucullu's performance.

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Dec. 3
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Matamoros Monday

- \$4 Margaritas** (2pm-1am)
- \$11 Buckets of Corona or DosEquis** (2pm-1am)
- \$5 Pork Fajitas***

(All Day) *Dine-in-only

Karaoke Tuesday

- \$5 for 8 Boneless Wings*** (All Day)
- (*No sides, Dine in Only)
- \$1 Tube Shots** (9pm-1am)
- \$2.25 Spiced Rum and Pepsi** (9pm-1am)
- Karaoke** (9pm-1am)

White Trash Wednesday

- \$2 Spam Sandwiches*** and
- \$2 Tator Tot Casserole*** (7pm-10pm)
- *Dine in Only
- \$2 16oz Tall Boys of Keystone Light and PBR** (7pm-1am)

2fer Thursday

- 2fer Wells** (9pm-1am)
- 2fer Pork Tenderloins*** (All Day, Dine in Only)
- Late Night Happy Hour**
- \$2.50 Domestic Pints** (11pm-1am)

Unfiltered Friday

- \$3.50 Pints Boulevard Wheat** (All Day)
- \$5 Regular Nachos*** (2pm-7pm)
- *Dine in Only
- \$1.50 Keystone Light Draws** (2pm-7pm)
- \$3.50 All Craft/Import Beer**

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Right to carry guns restored, but self-educate

As many of you are aware, some of the laws concerning firearms are about to change. Last summer, Chet Culver signed legislation that freed Iowans’ liberties to carry firearms from arbitrarily being stifled on the whims of sheriffs.

In the past, it was up to a county’s sheriff to decide whether he would issue someone a permit to carry a weapon. It was also up to the sheriff to decide whether that permit would carry stipulations, like only granting the individual the right to carry the weapon if it was concealed.

As of the first of the year, this will no longer be the case. Everyone who wants a permit to carry a dangerous weapon and is eligible will receive one, and there will be no stipulations attached. But if you have an old permit, the stipulations on that permit will remain.

What we are getting at is you can expect to see more people openly carrying firearms on their sides in the very near future, and there will be more people walking around with firearms concealed on their person.

It’s going to be OK, don’t panic. Some people’s reaction to the news is one of dismay or surprise, but don’t react in a negative fashion; this is a good thing.

First and foremost, this is a return to the U.S. Constitution and to the freedom of the individual. Secondly, this means that more “good guys” will be able to arm themselves; people who can be considered “bad guys” aren’t concerned with what Iowa’s legislation says the laws are — their lack of concern for the law is one of the inherent things that makes them criminals.

Is carrying a firearm for you? That’s a good question, because carrying a weapon brings with it great responsibility. One who bears such power needs to be well versed in the laws and an expert with whatever they decided to carry with them.

If you carry, you will need to know things such as: You cannot carry on school grounds, you can drink while you carry if you are of age to drink sans breaching .08, how different kinds of ammunition behave, and what to do in situations where lethal force is authorized by the law.

The right to arm yourself is one that is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. It is the right of self-empowerment, but much of this right requires self-education.

If you plan on getting your permit to carry, you need to do your research. We’d love to be able to include every word of every piece of legislation, but we simply do not have the room. We can, however, point you in the right direction.

An Internet search of “Iowa Senate File 2379” will bring up the legislation that you need to read. Visit the Iowa Department of Public Safety website at www.dps.state.ia.us and read the Frequently Asked Questions page that is linked from there. These are simple things to do that will start to prepare you to responsibly exercise your right to bear arms.

If you aren’t willing to do even these simple things, then maybe you should leave carrying a weapon to others.

You need to take advantage of your ability to exercise your constitutional rights, don’t let them stagnate. There will be those that turn their nose up at you if you decide to use your First Amendment right and defend the civil rights of the LGBT community. Likewise, there will be those who act shocked if you decided to take up arms.

You are your own person; make your own decisions about whether you’ll exercise your rights. They’re yours, no one else’s.

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Transparency now

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WikiLeaks shouldn’t discourage administration

In a memorandum from President Barack Obama, the promises from throughout his election campaign were put on paper: The Obama administration was going to have an unprecedented level of openness and transparency.

Since that memorandum was published, there has been no real shift toward a transparent government. Sure, there was the creation of data.gov and a few concessions here or there, such as the recent Controlled Unclassified Information policy, but nothing really stuck out as the “unprecedented level of openness” that was promised.

The idea of a transparent U.S. government has always been a bit of a farce. The Freedom of Information Act of 1966 was enacted to allow American citizens a clear ability to know what their government was doing. The act was originally given nine exceptions to what could be released, and subsequently has had further exempted more materials on the basis of national and personal security.

Beyond what shows up on C-Span, there is little insight into the day-to-day actions of a government we elect and pay taxes to fund.

As of Sunday, the game has changed. WikiLeaks, a website devoted to releasing classified documents, has started publishing private American diplomatic cables from the 1960s all the way up to February of this year. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has decried the leak, amounting to more than 250,000 cables in all, labeling them as dangerous and threatening to national security.

From what I’ve looked at of the 270ish cables made available at the time of this article’s writing, nothing really appears to be all that threatening, shocking or even surprising. Some foreign leaders are called less-than-flattering things. Several countries fear an Iran with nuclear weapons. Several national governments have corrupt politicians.

Leading up to the leaks that began Sunday, several members of the military have inferred that the founder of WikiLeaks, Julian Assange, has blood on his hands.

They say that Afghani informants named in some of the documents will most likely be killed as a result of those documents’ release.

I don’t condone the murder of anyone, but it seems quite hypocritical for these military personnel to criticize Assange while the civilian death toll of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan is at more than 100,000 people.

While the Department of State might have some headaches with foreign relations, the bottom line for me is that the American public is better informed on what its own government is doing. Also, it appears that WikiLeaks has had no real detrimental effect — i.e. resulted in human deaths — since it started publishing documents in 2006.

It’s laughable to have an administration that has promised unprecedented openness completely decry some of the most unprecedented openness of government since the release of the Pentagon Papers.

As it states in the Obama memorandum mentioned at the start of this article, “Openness will strengthen our democracy and promote efficiency and effectiveness in government.”

I just hope the current release of information won’t make the Obama administration reticent to maintain their open-office policies in the future.



Your guide to using sex toys

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In our last article, we wrote about female masturbation. To follow up, we’d like to give you a little information about sex toys and how they can enhance your sexual experiences.

To start, let’s go over basic genital anatomy. The vagina is comprised of several sexy parts: the inner and outer labia, your clitoris — an 8,000 nerve-ending organ at the apex of your labia — and your g-spot — another nerve-filled area about 2 inches into your vagina, toward the front of your body. Your rectum is also a very sensitive area. You can find toys and products that stimulate some or all of these parts at once; we’ll tell you about a few of them.

According to theirtoys.com, 3.35 million Americans Google “sex toys” each month. We have just contributed to that statistic. If you’ve been thinking about buying yourself a present, get the gift that keeps on giving and consider purchasing a personal pleasure toy. Before you run to the nearest sex toy store, we’d like to offer a few suggestions.

For Beginners:
If you’ve never owned a sex toy before, here are a few suggestions to get you started. Don’t be afraid to start small. Sex toys don’t have to be large and intimidating to feel good.

A bullet is a small clitoral stimulator. They come with a variety of features; some have a simple on/off push button, others have elaborate power controls. You can even get bullets that are disguised as common items. They can range anywhere from \$10 to \$40.

A finger vibrator is a small, flexible, silicone ring that slips over a finger. These also come in a variety of shapes and sizes. They range anywhere from \$5 to \$20.

If you aren’t ready to visit a sex toy store or order online, there are options available at stores like Target and Walmart. For example, personal massagers can be found in the small appliance or pharmacy departments.

Intermediate:
For those of you familiar with the bullet and are ready to upgrade, here are a few products you might want to check out.

A dildo is a penis-shaped vaginal stimulator that is not power-controlled. They come in a variety of sizes and can be made of plastic or glass. Some feature a textured surface with bumps and grooves. Also, many models are made of materials that quickly warm to body temperature. They typically cost around \$20 to \$100.

A basic vibrator is typically 4 to 6 inches long, made of brightly colored plastic, and is speed adjustable by a twist knob on the end. They usually cost between \$10 to \$20 and operate on AA batteries.

Advanced:

If sex toys are part of your regular repertoire and you’re ready to step it up, here are a few pieces of equipment to consider.

One of the more well-known options is the The Rabbit. The Rabbit began as a brand name, but has evolved to encompass an entire style of vibrator. The Rabbit is comprised of a vaginal stimulator that may or may not include rotating beads or a rotating head. Attached to the shaft is a clitoral stimulator, usually shaped like rabbit ears. The higher in price you are willing to go, the more elaborate the controls and features. Also available are models featuring clitoral and anal stimulators. The Rabbit is definitely a sex toy investment, starting at \$60 with some costing as much as \$150.

Another choice is the g-spot stimulator: G-spot stimulators are as unique as the women who use them; some are horseshoe-shaped, some look like angled spoons, others stimulate your g-spot and clitoris at the same time. Really, the possibilities are endless. They tend to run between \$60 to \$120.

Sex toy rules
1. Consent is key: You need to be comfortable talking about sex toys. Before introducing sex toys in the bedroom, make sure your partner is comfortable with the idea and use as well.

2. Lubrication is vital: If you are inserting a sex toy anywhere, it needs to be lubricated. Stay away from petroleum-based lubricants, as they work negatively with condoms and certain toy materials. Any silicone or water-based lubricant is fine.

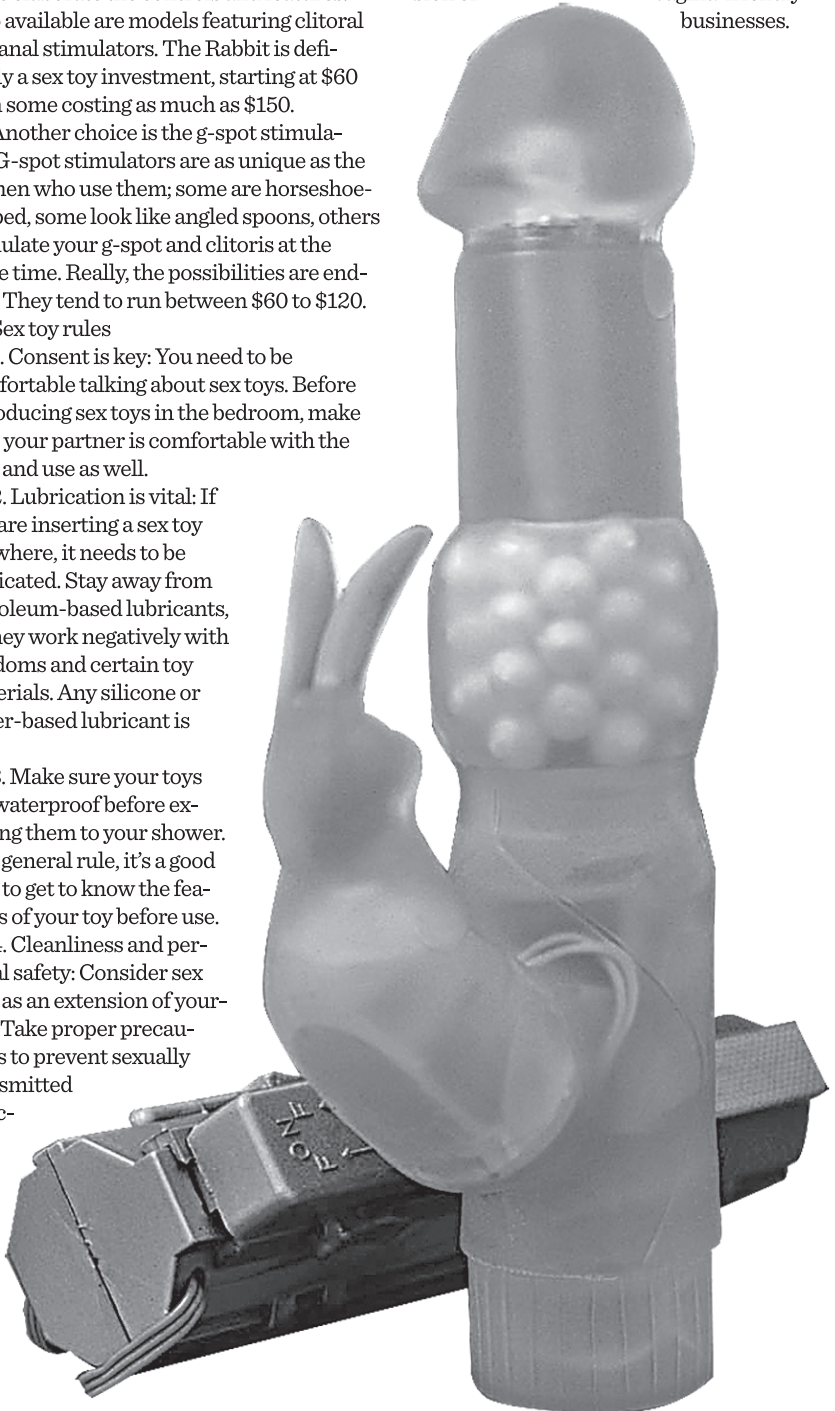
3. Make sure your toys are waterproof before exposing them to your shower. As a general rule, it’s a good idea to get to know the features of your toy before use.

4. Cleanliness and personal safety: Consider sex toys as an extension of yourself. Take proper precautions to prevent sexually transmitted infection.

Condoms work great with many toys; check that the materials are compatible. Toy stores often sell toy cleaners safe for sensitive areas; be sure to thoroughly clean and dry toys before storing them.

5. Remove toy batteries when not in use. This will prolong the life of the batteries as well as the toy.

We encourage women to shop at woman-friendly sex toy stores. Not only will your dollars support the women who operate them; you will encourage the expansion of vagina-friendly businesses.



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Technology

Digital books take away human connection

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Kindle, other e-books can't measure up to paper

The question “Paper or plastic?” evokes memories of grocery stores in many people. But it is now 2010, and that question can be better applied to the means of acquiring information — it can be better applied to the medium used to read books.

Now that Thanksgiving has passed, the official shopping season for Christmas has begun. I do lots of reading, and I know many other people who do as well. One of booksellers’ more popular items this year is the electronic reader device. For the sake of simplicity, I will discuss in particular Amazon’s Kindle. Using the Kindle, you can download and store digital copies of thousands of books in the palm of your hand for reading at any time. I have an early model of one of these e-reader devices. I never use it. One of the reasons it sits up on my shelf is because, for all the device’s utility, I find it lacking. The satisfying experience of reading an actual book is not given by an electronic reader.

Sure, you can take notes and mark pages in a Kindle edition of a book. But they don’t actually exist. Like any digital information, they — like the book itself — are mere sequences of ones

and zeroes passing through the medium of a computer screen. You cannot write on the title page of one of these books and pass it on to a friend. On several occasions, I have given or received such personalized books. Simply put, such gifts are a way of connecting to people.

In giving books to others, we give a part of ourselves — the recipient is allowed to see, particularly if the book is marked up, into a part of our lives. The scrawled handwriting in a margin and the colors highlighting certain passages can all tell you about the owner and his thoughts.

Even the ease with which e-books can be acquired is disturbing. Newer versions of the Kindle allow the user to access the Internet wirelessly, much like a laptop or smart phone. One version is equipped with 3G wireless, eliminating the need to remain within range of a wireless Internet network. You never have to log onto a computer to purchase a new book.

Ease of access is wonderful, but is there not a time and place for every purpose? Do we really need instantaneous access to our desires?

More troubling than that, though, is the fact that you never need to visit a bookstore to find something new and exciting to read. Isn’t that part of the whole point to reading and education generally? If you don’t read to be connected to a wider world, why is that book sitting open

in front of your face? Reading truly takes you places. But that doesn’t apply only to your imagination. A desire to read should physically take you places. Bookstores are full of interesting people all trying to do the same thing as you.

Simply searching for books on a shelf leads you to others that are similarly intriguing. Last week I went to Borders, just to spend time. I made for the history section, like always, and noticed a book that seemed interesting. I pulled it off the shelf, read the description and the author’s biography, and paged through it. When I replaced it, I noticed what looked like another interesting read. And another, and another, and another. By the time I left the store, I had jotted down the titles and authors for a dozen books.

A large part of the reason for doing anything

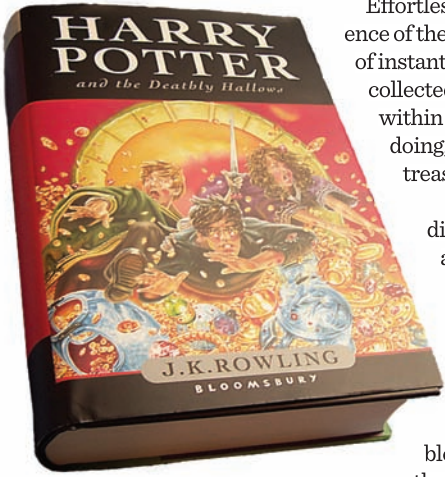
is the challenge associated with it. A life without challenges is an empty, cheap one. Before the advent of the e-reader, finding something to read was much more of a challenge. Acquiring it was another.

Effortlessness cheapens the experience of the activity. Ours is a culture of instant gratification. We keep the collected information of all the ages within an arm’s reach. And in so doing, we have lost sight of its treasured qualities.

Go buy real books. Their digitized copies may be accessible, but they aren’t genuine. They are only abstract, intangible representations of the original works. “You cannot kiss an idea, cannot touch it, or hold it ... ideas do not bleed, they do not feel pain, they do not love.”

As the man I encountered at the University of Oxford’s New York office said, “Sit down and have a read.” Just make sure you’re holding paper, not plastic.

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These, and many other questions, will be raised in the days and weeks to come. And as I anticipate the media storm that’s bound to hit, I cringe with frustration.

Journalism is my calling — my love. But there’s a (fine-lined) difference between journalism and media frenzy, and I fear the frenzy will outrank in this situation. So, in the aftermath, I find myself with the overwhelming urge to wrap my hometown in a hug and tell my big, bad profession to just back off and leave it alone — and, if they’re going to press on, to get it right.

Do you know what it’s like to watch your hometown turn into an international story? It’s surreal to watch your high school’s name played first across local media, then state outlets, until you’re reading a story about the place that housed your high school classes and Homecoming dances in the New York Times.

To do this, and then try to separate your feelings as a journalist from

your feelings as an alum, as a member of the community, who’s taking it all in from a college that’s a state away — it’s damn near impossible.

I won’t criticize any news outlet’s handling of the hostage situation as it unfolded. Everyone did the best they could with the resources they had, to provide information to a very concerned public.

But this story I found, from WFRV — usually my Wisconsin news station of choice — epitomized everything that makes me sick about the way this story is likely to unfold. “Social media plays big role in Marinette hostage information,” the headline reads.

They’re right, of course. It did play a big role.

It played a huge role in spreading misinformation and rumors, which resulted in several false reports of deaths and injuries. I first heard about the situation from a text message.

“MHS is being held hostage and Mrs. Burd was shot,” it said, followed by a message that reported on rumors of her death. It turned out these

rumors originated on Facebook. A string of phone calls quickly disproved the rumors, but still — seeing those words sent a shockwave of agony throughout me, as it did for many others who saw rumors on Facebook, Twitter — even from some misinformed news organizations.

Was social media helpful in some ways? Sure. I’ll be honest, I spent the entire night glued to Facebook chat and my phone, frantically messaging between friends, family and acquaintances to get the latest updates and separate fact from fiction.

But WFRV’s story is an example of updating for the sake of updating — of scraping together a story when there’s nothing else to say.

And that’s the kind of attitude that won’t do anything but add more grief to a town that is shaken and shocked to its core.


I imagine, as the morning “news” shows start making calls and circling in to get their piece of this tragic puzzle, that a few stories and angles will emerge, aside from the obvious Five W’s. Because, when you report on a tragedy in a small community

— unless you are that community’s journalism outlet — you simply can’t do it justice. That truth is evident in the Marinette, Wis./Menominee, Mich. Eagle Herald’s coverage — one of the only publications that have really done it right, so far.

Others can only skim the surface or tell a few disjointed pieces of the story. And that’s what worries me. What keeps me up, sick to my stomach, at 2 a.m. At least, that is what I tell myself. But the cause could quite likely be the gravity of this entire situation.

I see the following angles and approaches emerging:

1) The heroic teacher. Certainly, this is a valid story. She’s nothing short of heroic, and I could write pages about the good she did in this situation, about the good she’s done for me and so many other students. About how she’s the best possible person to handle a situation like this. But this heroic teacher will not want the attention that will come, inevitably, with the media storm that hits. So maybe this is me being too attached, too involved in the situation

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— but I think her privacy ought to be respected.

2) Interviews with people who don’t know what they’re talking about.

You know how it goes. The people who know the story aren’t going to open up to just any member of the press, and the ones who are excessively willing to talk won’t have a clue of what they’re talking about. And some media outlets won’t know the difference.

3) Why weren’t authorities called until shortly before 4 p.m. if the classroom was taken hostage between 1:30 and 2 p.m.? That’s an excellent question. But the answer comes in the form of another question: How could anyone have known? The sad truth is, all the elements at play here are incredibly conducive to this situation staying under wraps for as long as it did.



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Ross Hall
I understand the whole ripped jeans thing TO A CERTAIN degree, but if you're showing more skin than you're covering, you might as well be wearing daisy dukes, ok?

Outside Design College
To the man in the tight, short skinny plaid pants and running tennis shoes. Try longer pants.

Differential Equations
A girl in my class wears clothes that are too small. I'm a little disturbed when her crack is showing and her shirt only comes down to the middle of her back.

Everywhere
Floppy sweater necks.

Caribou
We're in Iowa not Alaska no need to dress like an Eskimo quite yet

Art History 280
I just don't get it. Why would you wear grandma glasses with no lenses in it? That just doesn't make sense at all. Please don't do this again

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Floral Print tights under jean shorts.. I'm confused.

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CHECK IT OUT

So winter has finally arrived, and even though most of us aren't mentally prepared for the snow and ice to arrive, we can at least be dressed fashionably for when the white flakes start to fall. Check out the top 25 winter coats of 2010 from MSN Life and Style section. Click through the pictures of the best winter coats to find prices and where to buy. Some popular styles this year include leather jackets, the classic pea coat and fur-hooded bomber jackets. Stay warm and look good.

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Stylish Winter coats

BY ELIZABETH HANSON
ISD STYLE WRITER

It's finally December. The semester has flown by and we start to feel the wrath of finals creeping around the corner, along with some snow flakes that are sure to fly any minute now. You may love the snow or hate it; whatever your vice may be you don't need to throw style down the drain just to stay warm. Here are two stylish, warm and reasonably priced coats that are perfect when the little white flakes start to appear.

**Jack by BB Dakota
Catalin Coat - \$80**

Military has been a strong influence in fashion the past few seasons. What's extra special about the military trend is that it's not particularly season-sensitive, meaning you can wear the trend anytime. Another great part of the coat is that it takes the military trend — which can sometimes be grungy — to a feminine level.

The soft grey color with gold buttons is an easy pair with tights, boots and a dress. The longer length and tight neckline ensures the extra warmth.



Courtesy photos: BB Dakota

Stay warm in style

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Whether you're an Iowa resident or not, we all know one thing: Iowa winters are unpredictable. So far this fall we have been lucky, but that may not last much longer. Here are some great the North Face items to keep you warm.

A great hat to keep you toasty during the long winter months is this reversible beanie from the North Face. Some hats are kind of flashy, so if you aren't into that and need some warmth, this is a great pick. It also comes at a reasonable price of \$25.

The mittens are made of a warm polyester, but they also have silicone grippers on the palms, which are an added bonus because some gloves and mittens can be difficult when

holding a cell phone or iPod.

As far as coats go, the puffer the better. But don't let that fool you, the best part of this jacket is the lightweight appeal. It will keep you warm without wearing you down. It's also easy to pack on any travels, especially if your hitting the slopes over break.

The picture shown here displays the empire blue shade, but it also comes in asphalt grey and black.

The North Face items:

"Etip" gloves - \$40

**Summit Series
"Diez" Jacket - \$229**

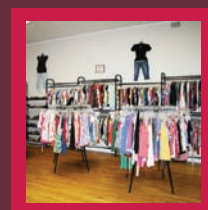
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Winter boot guide

BY **ELIZABETH HANSON**
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When it gets cold, there's no sugar coating it — walking to class is no fun. Boots can be expensive and you can't ever find that perfect pair that survives the season.

We love our Uggs, but in reality they aren't practical for walking to class in the winter. Sure, they're snug, but the sidewalk salt quickly stains the fabric. On top of that, most styles aren't water-resistant, so they're unable to handle slush. Here are some boot suggestions that are sure to last the season.

The Best: Cold-weather boot

Sorel "Tivoli" Low Snow Boots

Sorel is a brand that has made its mark in the winter boot world. The rubber sole will hold stable while walking to class and will keep the slush out. If you're a fan of the fur-lined boots, have no fear. These boots have a little fuzz in the inside as well. They may not be the dressiest boots, but tucked into skinny jeans and a baggy sweater, they're perfect for your average treks across campus. The brand offers a variety of lengths and styles, found at Bloomingdales for \$100.

The Best: Sleek-yet-versatile boot

Hunter Original Rain Boot

Hunter is an English boot brand most famous for its "wellies." The welly style is a simple rain boot style. Now, you may be asking, rain boots for winter, why? The brand offers "welly" socks as well which you can insert into the boots for the added warmth. On top of that, they're designed as rain boots, so they'll obviously keep out any unwanted moisture. Most styles will fall below your knee while some are shorter.

These boots are a good buy if you're looking for something to wear all year round — especially into March when the white powder melts into grey slush. With the clean silhouette, they are easy to pair with a lot of things and can be a bit dressier. Hunter boots and Welly Sock found at Bloomingdales. Boots are \$125.00, Welly Socks \$40.00.

The Best: Splurge

Burberry Quilted Check Rain Boot

We all know and love the timeless Burberry check, and on boots it

looks even better. These boots are fit for the weather and a stylish outfit. You can easily wear them with tights paired with dresses or skirts. They do come with a high price tag, but they have a classy and professional look to them that won't get old. If you find yourself going to and from class and an internship, these are perfect for both settings.

With the rubber soles and longer length, they'll keep you warm and last though many winters. Found at Bloomingdales for \$425.00.

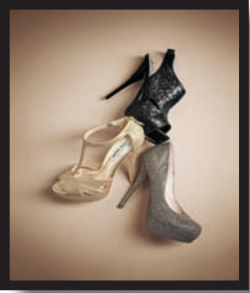


- 1 -Sorel "Tivoli" Low Snow Boots \$100
- 2 - Hunter Original Rain Boot \$125
- 3 - Welly Socks \$40
- 4 - Burberry Quilted Check Rain Boot \$425

Courtesy photos: Bloomingdales

Sparkle on New Year's

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New Year's is one of those go-big-or-go-home holidays. You definitely can't ring in the new year with anything Plain Jane. A great way to sparkle

is with these Steve Madden heels found at Nordstrom. Note, these are not your everyday pumps, but are perfect for any big celebration. Although they may look fairly similar — high heel with glitter — each stiletto has its own personality.

The silver stiletto comes in the platform style, which would easily cheer up a pair

of solemn black tights for the holidays. The cream sparkle comes in a t-strap style that contains an innocent appeal, which would be adorable with any baby pastel or cream-colored party dress. As for the black slingblack, it would look sultry against any shade of red.

However you celebrate the new year, make sure to channel

your inner diva. Go big or go home, be the life of the party, and sparkle on New Year's Eve!

- Black Sling-black** -**\$99.95**
- Cream T-strap** - **\$89.95**
- Silver Pump** - **\$129.95**

Courtesy photo: Nordstrom

Baby, it's cold outside

BY **HALEY SPECTOR**
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Here comes winter. The beautiful snowflakes, hot chocolate, unwrapping presents for the holidays — as well as dry winter skin. It starts out with a lack of humidity in the air, which causes skin surfaces to dry out, causing dullness, flaking or itching. Your skin loses about 25 percent of its ability to hold moisture in the winter, so it's time to revamp your beauty routine for some serious hydration. Whether it's chapped lips or callused feet, there are some great winter-skin saviors to help with your beauty blues!



HAND CARE

Don't forget to care for dry winter hands, too! Before braving the winter snow, make sure to slip on gloves or mittens for protection. Invest in a creamy hand therapy lotion that you can reapply often.

I swear by Archipelago Botanical Soy Milk Hand Creme. This hand creme is super thick, luxurious and will have your hands feeling smooth

in no time.

For cracked cuticles, rub Vitamin E or olive oil, leave on for five minutes and wash off in lukewarm water.



ALL-OVER BODY

AHAVA Dermud body creme is made with rejuvenating minerals from the Dead Sea and can seriously combat dry or irritating skin. This natural product is infused with oils and vitamins and should be applied to your body right after the shower for quick absorption. If you are on a budget, stick with Vaseline's Coco Butter Deep Conditioning lotion to heal dry skin and even out tone and texture.

Both products can be found at It's All About Me in Ames.

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An overseas adventure

Cyclone volleyball veteran plays in Switzerland

By Travis Cordes
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Less than three months ago, it appeared as if Kaylee Manns would be spending a fall semester in Ames for the fifth time.

But this year it would be different. No longer would Hilton Coliseum be like a second home, and the No. 6 uniform she had become synonymous with over the last four years wouldn't be a part of her life anymore.

Her decision to stay had been long and thought out, but there was still a fire lingering within the former ISU volleyball standout that told her she wanted more. After a whirlwind of life-changing events, she signed a contract and boarded a trans-Atlantic flight to play professional volleyball in Switzerland.

Now she's off the plains and living near the Alps, surviving on a few British TV channels and is known by her teammates as the "passer," not the setter. But through all of the obvious changes that have come with living on a different continent, one thing with Manns has remained constant: her love for the sport of volleyball.

After all, it's what led her there in the first place.

At the end of a back-and-forth decision process, her desire to play ultimately overwhelmed her so much that she decided to put her college degree on hold to go through with the incredible opportunity in front of her.

"It was a really tough decision," Manns said. "But in the end I basically decided to do this without finishing my degree because of how much I love the sport and absolutely missed the competition."

As a student of the Iowa State Greenlee School of Journalism, Manns is required to complete a three-credit internship before being allowed to graduate. During the past spring she had already begun making plans to play in Europe, but then changed her mind after learning of her remaining scholastic obligations.

She originally turned down several offers from teams in France, Germany and Italy as she expected to intern this fall with the ISU Athletic Department.

But the window of opportunity to

compete at the highest level is short for any athlete, and she didn't want to risk being overlooked by teams next season after spending a year away from the sport.

Following more reconsideration, she decided to put her diploma on hold and took the next available contract offer, which came from TSV Dudingén in Fribourg, Switzerland.

"It's a great opportunity and we were very supportive of her," said ISU coach Christy Johnson-Lynch. "But for us the most important thing is that she finish her degree. If it was someone we felt that if they left they might never come back to finish, I might be more wary. But I'm confident she'll be back to do that."

The 22-year-old currently has plans to play volleyball and run camps in Brazil over the summer, giving her little time to work toward her degree between seasons. So, shortly after she arrived in Europe she began searching for a way to make progress toward her diploma.

With playing volleyball in Switzerland's premier professional league as her day job, she is also interning at an English-speaking events center on the side.

"It's not exactly ESPN," Manns said. "But it's allowing me to do both things at the same time, which is great."

A native of Topeka, Kan., Manns had spent her whole life living in the Midwest and had never been overseas until this September.

Adapting to life in Fribourg, a college town near the border between Switzerland and France, has been interesting to say the least, but anyone who has met Manns knows she will do just fine on her own.

"She's very social and will be able to talk to anybody even if they don't speak English," joked Johnson-Lynch. "She's resourceful and savvy and is the type of person that you could drop in the middle of Europe and would be just fine."

It didn't take long for awkward situations to present themselves, as Manns discovered upon her arrival that the apartment her team had arranged for her included three roommates, two of which were male.



Former Cyclone Kaylee Manns sets the ball. Courtesy photo: Guido Schmutz Photography

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Wrestling

Cyclones hope to break Hawkeye winning streak

By Jake Calhoun
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Jon Reader gets chills whenever he thinks about the atmosphere of a dual meet against Iowa.

"It's a competitor's playground," the senior 174-pounder said. "I'm just excited thinking about it."

No. 21 Iowa State (4-0) will be facing off against No. 8 Iowa (4-0) at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City on Friday.

The meet will be the 77th dual between the intrastate rivals in one of the most storied rivalries in collegiate wrestling.

Second-year coach Kevin Jackson will be leading his young squad into the harsh confines of Carver-Hawkeye Arena for the first time as the ISU coach.

It's a task that he feels will be an adequate simulation for bigger events down the road.

"We're always trying to simulate the atmosphere that we're going to face at the NCAA tournament," Jackson said. "When you go to Iowa City to compete, it gives you that same type of atmosphere, that same type of feeling of anxiety and of excitement and of everything else that goes along with wrestling a championship match."

However, pulling off a victory in a dual meet of this magnitude has the potential to become a memorable and beneficial experience for any young wrestler.

"For our guys to go in there and perform to their potential, nothing more, just to their potential would benefit them moving forward a great deal," Jackson said. "I think it probably would be their biggest wins of their college careers if they can go out there and win."

Iowa has won its last six duals against Iowa State.

However, the Cyclones' last dual meet victory against the Hawkeyes was at Carver-Hawkeye in 2004, where the cardinal and gold prevailed 19-16.

The Hawkeyes are going into Friday's meet with 65 consecutive dual wins.

Gibson good to go, could get the start

Heavyweight Matt Gibson is back to full health after sustaining an injury that forced him to take a medical forfeit two weekends ago at the Omaha Open.

"Matt Gibson is 100 percent, full-go right now and his mind is straight and physically, he's healthy as he has been all season long," Jackson said.

Gibson, who is ranked 20th in the nation by InterMat, is 6-3 on the season with a 1-1 record in dual meets. Two of his losses came at the Omaha Open, the latter of which resulted from the medical forfeit in the consolation bracket of the elite division.

"I know he said that his shoulder bothers him," Jackson said. "As a heavyweight, as long as he is, and as many shots that he takes, he's going to get some pressure on that shoulder from time-to-time."

Fellow heavyweight Kyle Simonson was given the starting spot in the Cyclones' Nov. 21 dual victory over Old Dominion after defeating Gibson in a wrestle-off three days before the meet.

In the dual, Simonson defeated the Monarchs' Grant Chapman by a 3-2 tiebreaker reversal after giving up a last-second decision that knotted the score at 2-2 after Simonson's riding time was applied to the score to force a sudden-victory period.

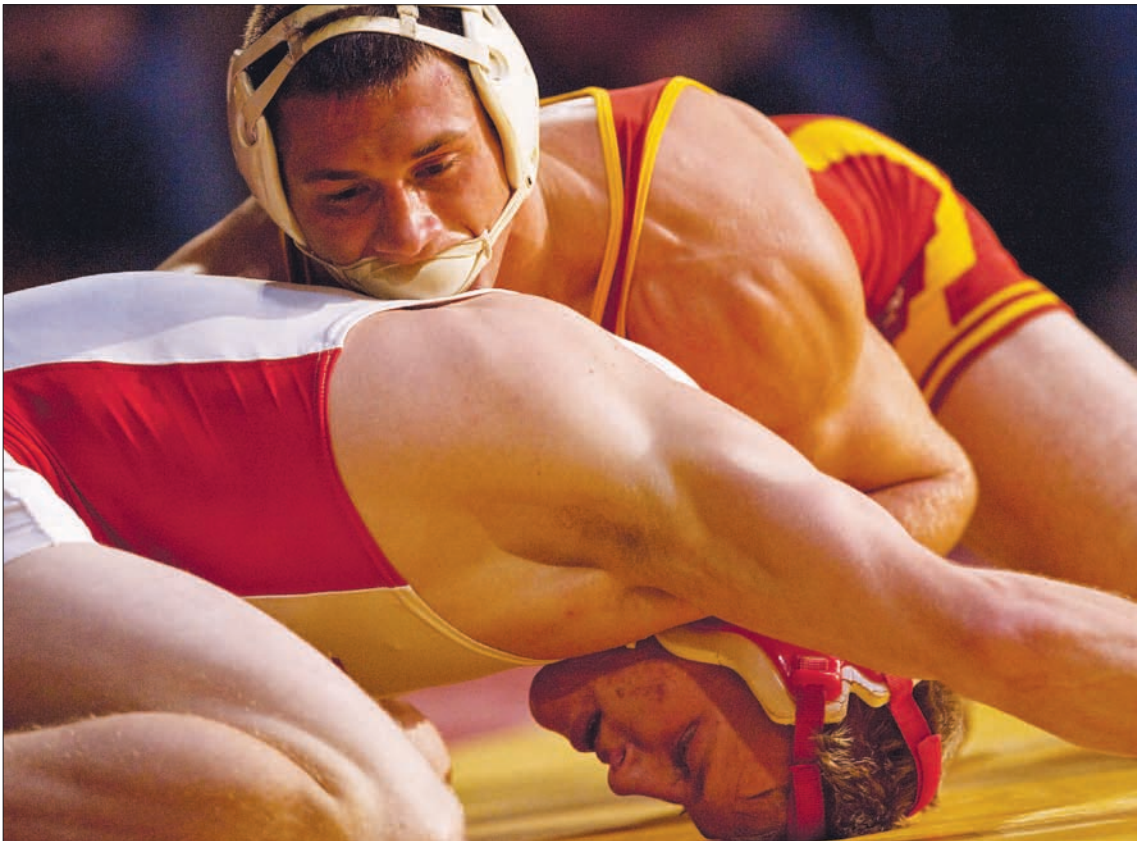
With that win, Simonson improved to 13-1 on the season with a 2-0 dual record.

Despite having the decision of who to start come down to a wrestle-off two weeks ago, Jackson says this time it will come down to whoever he thinks is ready to go.

Ward returns after brief break

Jerome Ward is no stranger to a dual meet of this magnitude.

In last year's dual against Iowa, Ward defeated Iowa's Phillip Keddy for the first time in his career in a 5-3 decision in the 184-pound match to help fuel a comeback attempt by Iowa State. However, the comeback went



John Reader, top, and the rest of the ISU wrestling team are hoping to break Iowa's six-meet winning streak against the Cyclones in the dual meet Friday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City. Photo: Manfred Brugger/Iowa State Daily

for naught as the Hawkeyes held on to win, 18-16, at Hilton Coliseum.

This year, Ward will be facing a new challenge at 197 pounds against Luke Lofthouse, who is ranked 13th in the nation by InterMat.

Ward has had very few slipups this year, going 9-2 with a 2-0 record in dual meets. His only losses came to then-No. 3 Dustin Kilgore of Kent State and Wartburg's Byron Tate in the championship matches of the Hokie Open and Cyclone Open.

"Basically I lost focus of what I needed to do," Ward said of his two losses. "It got late in the day both times and I just didn't compete. I let my mind slip and start to wander and that's not conducive of winning."

After receiving a weekend of rest and not wrestling in the Cyclones' dual meet against Old Dominion, Ward heads into Friday night's meet

ranked 12th in the nation, sitting one spot above Lofthouse.

"He had a good week of practice last week," Jackson said of Ward. "I'll watch him over the next three days and that's going to determine whether I put him out there on Friday."

All eyes on Weatherman

Trent Weatherman has had his ups and downs so far this season, but the redshirt freshman will be heading into his first true test in a cardinal-and-gold singlet.

The 157-pound Maxwell native will be squaring off against Derek St. John, a two-time state champion at Iowa City West High School.

"He wrestles that 'Hawkeye' style, that push-pull," Weatherman said of St. John. "You've just got to kind of accept that for what it is and just go out

there and not worry too much about what they're going to do but what we're going to do to them."

So far on the year, St. John is 4-0 with two major decisions and a pin with a fall time of 2:33.

Weatherman boasts an overall record of 9-5 and is 2-2 in dual meets on the season. However, his most recent dual meet victory, a 17-6 major decision over Old Dominion's Chad Lowman, was shrouded in an intensity that may not have been as prevalent in some of his earlier matches of the season.

That intensity, Weatherman says, will be ignited by the climate of the state's biggest event in the sport.

"I think the atmosphere is going to be more set for that kind of intensity," Weatherman said. "It's going to be a good atmosphere in bringing everything together and I've just got to wrestle my match."

Men’s basketball

Road game will test young team

By Chris.Cuellar
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Games against local rival Drake and new rival Creighton were supposed to be Iowa State’s first true tests under rookie coach Fred Hoiberg.

One game turned into a rout and the other into a shoot-out. Traveling for the first true road game of the season, in-state opponent Northern Iowa promises to be a true challenge for the young Cyclones (6-0).

“This is a first real test we’re going to have,” Hoiberg said. “Creighton had a lot of fans for the game at Wells Fargo, and that was a good experience for us, but its nothing like we’re going to see on Wednesday. These guys are very well coached, as well coached as any team we’ll face all year, and we need to come out prepared.”

Iowa State is off to its fifth-best start in school history, with a chance to rise on the list with a win in Cedar Falls. The Cyclones and Panthers (2-2) have traded road wins the last two seasons, with UNI squeaking out a win at Hilton Coliseum 63-60 last season. In 2008, Craig Brackins’ 32 points and 16 rebounds led ISU to a 71-66 overtime win at the McLeod Center, which promises to be more than ready to welcome the Cyclones.

“They’ll have that place rocking, and it will be a great atmosphere. I’m excited about it, and so are our guys,” Hoiberg said. All five ISU starters are averaging double-digits in scoring to start the year, a testament to the team’s balance and spread-out offense. At 84.3 points per game, the Cyclones are 15th in the country in scoring.

“Any given day, any of us can go for 20, and no one cares who it is,” said senior forward Jamie Vanderbeken, who is averaging 12 points per contest. “The way we’re balancing scoring right now, it’s really fun to watch. We’re just reading the defense and seeing who’s open. There really isn’t a go-to player right now.”

The Panthers likely won’t allow Hoiberg’s team to get out and run much, as coach Ben Jacobson’s team likes to slow the pace against nearly everyone. Iowa State will attempt to force the pace in transition, but will have to execute in half-court sets against a squad that only allows 57.5 points per game and has allowed a maximum 68 points this season.

“I’m comfortable with a lot of the things we’re doing, but we’re going to continue to try and push the tempo and force the tempo of the game,” Hoiberg said. “We’re still going to try to run, but we know they’ll do a good job of slowing us down and getting into half-court sets. We have to execute.

“We know there’s going to be a lot of games like this once we get into the Big 12. We’re going to have to execute in the half court if we’re going to beat teams like that.”

Senior guard Diante Garrett has been a threat in transition during his entire career at Iowa State, but seems to have found his comfort zone in Hoiberg’s offense, averaging a career-high 17.5 points and still dishing out 6.5 assists per game. Garrett knows it will be vital to execute in the half court against the Panthers, and he is expecting a battle.



“Our half-court game is there, but we’re just going to try and force the issue on pushing the tempo,” Garrett said. “We’re all going to try and go down there as a family and handle business.” It will likely be a war of wills Wednesday night, with Iowa State shooting more than 50 percent from the field, and Northern Iowa allowing its opponents to shoot just 40 percent on the floor, and an even lower 29 percent from 3-point range. The young Cyclones will have to take anything available to them.

“Our half-court offense probably isn’t where it needs to be right now, because we’re used to getting up the court,” Vanderbeken said. “We’re go-

ing to have to slow it down, get in the half-court grind and execute. That’s the main thing, execution. It can get a little frustrating, but that’s basketball. You can’t get comfortable with one style of play.” The Panthers earned national fame from their NCAA tournament run last season, taking out top-seeded Kansas in the second round in a close game with dramatic shots that sparked a Cinderella story.

“I was cheering for UNI as much as anybody last year,” Hoiberg said. “I was out to dinner with my wife in Minneapolis, and I think I had to step away from the table for 20 minutes. I’m sure she was wondering where the heck I was, but I had to watch the game at the bar. I’m a huge fan of Ben Jacobson and think he does a tremendous job.”

Some key players that fueled the post-season run are gone. Ali Farokhmanesh, Jordan Eglseder and Adam Koch are all gone, but Kwadzo Ahelegbe, Lucas O’Rear and Jake Koch still remain. The fight for the state title is still up for grabs, with Iowa State sitting at 1-0. A win would give Iowa State a decisive lead in the state round-robin and keep the undefeated season rolling. Wednesday’s game tips off at 7 p.m.

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Notes: Northern Iowa has won its last 17 games played in the McLeod Center.

Iowa State is 15th in the country, scoring 84.3 points per game.



Hoiberg



Iowa State’s Jamie Vanderbeken and Jake Anderson defend an opponent during the game against Kennesaw State on Nov. 24 at Hilton Coliseum. The Cyclones beat the Owls 91-51. File photo: Manfred Brugger/Iowa State Daily

Football

McCarney named North Texas coach

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

DENTON, Texas — Dan McCarney was introduced as the new football coach at North Texas on Tuesday, giving the Mean Green a leader with plenty of college experience to rebuild a struggling program.

McCarney’s arrival came six weeks after former stand-out high school coach Todd Dodge was fired following a failed 31/2-season experiment on the NCAA FBS level.

McCarney has been in college coaching for 34 years, the last three as defensive line coach at Florida. He was head coach at Iowa State from 1995-2006, where he took over a dismal program that he took to five bowl games over a six-season span from 2000-05.

“When I got to Iowa State, they were winless,” McCarney said. “The difference we had, the facilities weren’t in place. ... Going through those situations, it helps prepare you when you into the next one.”

The news conference at UNT was held in the athletic department building next to where a \$78 million, 30,000-seat stadium is being built and will open next fall.

North Texas was 3-9 this season, its sixth consecutive losing record since winning four Sun Belt Conference titles in a row.

The Mean Green were 1-6 when Dodge was fired.



McCarney



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Aside from other vast cultural changes, the multitude of styles and nationalities of her new teammates have made adjusting on the court difficult as well.

Adding in a German-speaking coach in a predominantly French-speaking city, several factors have made running the offense a fairly difficult task to pull off.

"The language barriers are hard, especially when trying to explain sets," Manns said. "It's also more relaxed and everyone brings their different style of play, which is difficult."

After rewriting the record books and leading the Cyclones to four NCAA Tournaments and three Sweet 16 appearances, it may surprise few that she won the starting setter job for her new team.

A two-time All-American, Manns is the ISU career leader in assists, is fifth all-time in digs and block assists, and became the first player in Big 12 history to record 5,500 assists, 1,000 digs, 300 kills and 300 blocks in a career. She was the keystone to the program Johnson-Lynch has built in Ames over the last six years, turning the Cyclones from a perennial cellar dweller to a consistent contender.

Since taking over a club that was 13-

167 in Big 12 play over the previous nine seasons, Johnson-Lynch has produced a winning record every season and just cemented a place in her fifth consecutive NCAA tournament.

As Iowa State continues to annually produce winning teams and All-Americans, Johnson-Lynch says it is more and more likely to see Cyclones playing abroad, especially since Manns took the first step toward exposing the university on an international stage.

"The overseas leagues are much more popular and prevalent today than they were 10 to 15 years ago," said Johnson-Lynch, a two-time All-American setter at Nebraska who had very few playing opportunities after she graduated in 1995.

"But it's a great opportunity and we're interested in helping anybody that wants to go play there. As a staff we've learned quite a bit about the process from Kaylee because she's the first one to end up over there since we've been here."

Senior libero Ashley Mass is one of several ISU players that have received national recognition at Iowa State, and the two-time All-American says the opportunity to take their game to the next level is something more players will likely consider.

"I've been thinking about it a lot lately," Mass said. "I've heard lots of good

things from players I know in overseas leagues and it's something I'm definitely looking into."

Unfortunately for Mass, the problem of finishing her degree is also an issue. The Big 12 career digs leader won't graduate from Iowa State until December 2011, making it difficult for her to start forming plans to play overseas anytime soon.

With Manns epitomizing an athlete's post-college dream, it would be difficult to dissuade a player from taking this once in a lifetime opportunity.

TSV Dudinggen runs two-a-day practices every Tuesday and Thursday with matches on the weekends, giving players plenty of time to enjoy their new surroundings.

Between trips to Oktoberfest and countryside wineries all while living in a lively European college town, there's rarely a dull moment for Manns right now.

Things back home may still be a bit shaky, as her diploma is hanging in the balance and life in the real world is still waiting for her around the corner.

But for the time being, she gets to travel and play volleyball for a living, and a brief status update from Manns says it all: "doing what I love, and loving what I do."

It doesn't get much better than that.



Kaylee Manns reacts to a point scored against Nebraska on Nov. 11, 2009. Manns recently took the opportunity to play professionally for a team in Switzerland. File photo: Logan Gaedke/Iowa State Daily

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Alcohol

Four Loko beverage ban is ridiculous



By Gabriel.Stoffa@iowastatedaily.com

Never underestimate the power of uninformed people in large numbers.

To what, you may inquire, am I referring? Well, in this instance it is focused on the terror-inducing effects the beverage Four Loko, and a few other like beverages, have brought to campuses and communities across this nation.

I'll come right out and say that I am not defending the drink itself; it tastes pretty bad, lacks in health value and is dangerous if consumed too quickly and in high quantities — but then, alcohol is rarely a healthy item, and binge drinking is obviously deadly.

What I am angry about are the scare tactics used to create this supposed ban. First, look to some of the recent deaths and hospitalizations attributed by the media to Four Loko.

A Florida family attempted to file a lawsuit against Phusion Projects — the makers of Four Loko — because their college son went on a some 30-hour drinking binge and shot himself at the culmination.

The mother is outraged and seeking to blame someone, unfortunately she has chosen to blame a company rather than the fact her son participated in binge drinking.

Unnecessary loss of human life is a terrible thing, but trying to attack a beverage company because your kid shot himself is like blaming the music industry for Columbine.

People think that bringing suit against these companies and removing caffeinated alcohol from the market is a strong preventative move against incidents like the one above that may occur in the future — as Penn Jillette would likely say, “This is bullshit.”

In Roslyn, Wash., nine students were hospitalized with high blood-alcohol levels and one girl nearly died, after having claimed to have consumed Four Loko.

The facts most people are glazing over is that these students were also drinking vodka, rum and beer, and all the hospitalized students were underage drinkers from age 17 to 19. Inexperienced drinkers are given to overdoing their alcohol consumption. People age 12 to 20 drink 11 percent

of all alcohol consumed in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Oh, and the student that shot himself in the first example, he was only 20 years old.

But, because the students were energized and because there is currently the “terrorist threat” of caffeinated alcohol running rampant in America, authorities and parents are banding together to eliminate the Four Loko menace from our fair country — all this in the name of keeping us safe — please see the aforementioned Jillette quote.

In Palm Coast, Fla., an 18-year-old took diet pills along with Four Loko and died. Well, let me see, another underage incident involving something used with Four Loko that became dangerous.

A driver claimed to have had Four Loko before he ran a red light, killing a man from Orlando and his three sons.

Ack! Another Four Loko-related death.

“Related” being the operative term, and only loosely at that, because the driver also admitted to having mixed other liquor with the Four Loko and having smoked marijuana. Clearly, though, Four Loko deserved the spotlight, as marijuana was already put on the dangerous list for reasons I still don't fully comprehend, and as to the other alcohol, well, we already blame booze, so this wouldn't be much of a headline without some controversy about a prominent subject in the media.

Oh, and by the way, the driver was underage.

I'm beginning to think this may just be more of an underage drinking problem than a problem with caffeinated alcohol, but then that is a problem this country has had for years, so trying to fix it doesn't make for good headlines or make authorities look like they're trying to do something new and grand to make Americans safe and secure.

The point I'm trying to make is that the entirety of the events are not being looked at closely enough before people are picking sides and rallying toward the mob's cause.

On Nov. 17, the Food and Drug Administration issued a warning letter to Phusion Projects, along with three oth-

er makers of alcoholic energy drinks, saying their products were unsafe and illegal, and ordering them to move toward reformulating the drinks in 15 days. If the companies do not comply, the FDA may seek a court order to bar them from selling their products.

I was under the impression the government wasn't supposed to tell businesses what they can and cannot produce unless the means of production were prohibited or if the product was illegal. I realize I am taking this to a bit of an extreme, and that my assumptions are based in Supreme Court rulings, and that some Americans — Iowans particularly, it seems — think the general populace can interpret the law better than the highly educated justices; but I only have a little bit of an education, what do I know.

But seriously, I still don't understand what it is about the drinks themselves that are unsafe and illegal.

As far as I know, unless I time-traveled back to the 1920s, alcohol isn't illegal, and neither is its manufacture by companies — yes, there are certain situations, but I am speaking generally.

Caffeine is most certainly legal, otherwise a great deal of our government employees are taking an illegal stimulant when they slam down the Starbucks beverages they require to get and keep going while they run our country.

So, the problem lies in the mixture of the two. Well, I can see that. I mean, if I mixed the chemicals necessary to create meth and tried to sell it, I would be busted for illegal activities. Clearly Four Loko and these other caffeinated beverages are a risk to people in the same way as meth.

I admit, the meth argument isn't being used as readily as the argument by law officials and parents that Four Loko is like cocaine in a can — seriously, just Google it — but they all suffer from mistaken connections.

“There's a particular interaction that goes on in the brain when they are consumed simultaneously,” Dr. Mary Claire O'Brien, professor of emergency medicine at Wake Forest University, told the New York Times. “The addition of the caffeine impairs

the ability of the drinker to tell when they're drunk. What is the level at which it becomes dangerous? We don't know that, and until we can figure it out, the answer is that no level is safe.”

From what I gather, if they want to ban caffeinated alcohol, then they need to make it illegal to combine the substances. This means that bars could not serve Jager bombs or Red Bull vodkas. Oh, and Irish coffees, that caffeinated beverage that has existed for longer than I or my parents have been alive, that has to go as well.

And as to the versions in bars being a less-concentrated concoction of the two ingredients, I must say that I doubt people in bars are going to limit their alcohol consumption to only one or two drinks. So, if they can over-drink in the bar, why can't they choose to do so at home?

I'm fine with the government placing a limit on the amount of alcohol allowed in a beverage and restricting the caffeine content. In fact, the companies are eliminating caffeine from their drinks or altering the content, much like what should have been insisted upon rather than the proposed ban. Funny thing is, Ricardo Carvajal, a lawyer at Hyman, Phelps & McNamara in Washington and a former associate chief counsel at the FDA, and Marc Scheineson, a lawyer with Alston & Bird in Washington and a former associate commissioner of the FDA, agreed it is unlikely that the FDA would go to seize the products because that involves going to court and convincing the Department of

Justice.

Maybe I wasn't wrong about my previous comments about Supreme Court rulings. Maybe judges do know how to interpret the law. Maybe an education does give you a leg up when trying to make an intelligent argument. But we'll just ignore that for now.

Putting my jabs aside for a moment, the current issue isn't really about banning or restricting an illegal and dangerous drug. No, this is all about a bunch of frightened people trying to blame something and then the bandwagon effect occurring because the issue is something else entirely: underage drinking.

Officials are trying to keep us safe from decisions they think are wrong. Binge drinking is dangerous, but not illegal. People have to face the reality that banning something because they want to blame it instead of the activities surrounding it is just idiocy.

Ever hear the phrase “Guns don't kill people, people kill people”? Well, by accepting a ban on caffeinated alcohol, you are essentially saying that “Guns kill people,” that's it.

All in all, I support limiting the alcohol and caffeine content of the drinks in question, and I certainly agree that these drinks should be kept out of the hands of children.

What I don't agree with is the precedent this may set: that as adults, we are not fit to make our own decisions concerning activities that are not illegal.

Right or wrong, it is my right to choose how much alcohol I drink, how much caffeine I consume and if I want to combine them; or even if I want to eat unhealthily and get fat — if only America would make that a criminal act.

Again, allowing the ban on these caffeinated beverages, or even coercing the companies to eliminate the caffeine or the alcohol from the beverages, is not how the system should work; at least from where I sit. Agree with me or not, but learn the full story; that means not just taking what I say here as true, research it for yourself and be a part of the decisions that shape America.

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